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DATE: May 22, 2007

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 336** - Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 811 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Celco would erect a 110-foot flagpole tower on an 8.8 acre parcel on Blue Hills Avenue in Bloomfield just north of the Hartford city line. Celco's facility would include a 12-foot by 30-foot equipment shelter that would house, among other equipment, a diesel generator for backup power.

### II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

### III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50I (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Hartford Courant.

### IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Bloomfield on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Bloomfield Town Hall and the Hartford City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	04/25/07
Completeness review	05/22/07
Subcommittee meeting	05/22/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	05/25/07
• Set-One responses due	06/14/07
• Set-Two Filed	06/15/07
• Set-Two responses due	07/06/07
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	06/27/07
Pre-filed testimony due	07/19/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/17/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	07/24/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	07/24/07
Close of Record	08/23/07
Draft Findings of Fact	08/29/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/20/07
Deadline for Decision	10/24/07
180-day extension date	04/21/08

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